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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON

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1. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC NOTES ON WIVES
OF MEXICAN OFFICIALS THAT MRS. SIMON MIGHT MEET IN CANCUN.

2. MRS. MARIO RAMON BETETA (GLORIA), WIFE OF HEAD OF GOM
DELEGATION AND SECRETARY OF TREASURY. MRS. BETETA IS A
TALL AND ELEGANT DARK-HAIRED LADY OF LEBANESE EXTRACTION,
THOUGH BORN IN MEXICO. SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL. THE
BETETAS RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR TWENTIETH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY. THEY HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN, THE OLDEST A BOY
ABOUT 18.

3. MRS. FERNANDEZ-HURTADO, WIFE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
BANCO DE MEXICO, IS ALSO TALL AND ATTRACTIVE. SHE IS
FRENCH-BORN AND SPEAKS VERY LITTLE ENGLISH. THEY HAVE
ABOUT SIX CHILDREN.

4. MRS. ALFREDO PHILLIPS (MAUREEN) IS BLOND AND
ENGLISH-BORN OF IRISH EXTRACTION. SHE AND HER HUSBAND
WHO IS SUB-DIRECTOR OF BANK OF MEXICO AND GOM COORDINATOR
OF IDB MEETING, MET WHILE STUDENTS AT LONDON UNIVERSITY.
MRS. PHILLIPS ONCE TOLD US SHE HAD MET MRS. SIMON, PERHAPS
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AT C-20 MEETING IN PARIS.

5. MRS. ALFONSO ALARCON MORALI, WIFE OF MAYOR OF CANCUN. WE DO NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS LADY, BUT RECALL THAT SHE ACCOMPANIED TREASURY-CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT TOURED CANCUN ONE YEAR AGO. SHE IS ATTRACTIVE MIDDLE-AGED LADY FROM NORTHERN MEXICO AND SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL.

6. MRS. ANTONIO ENRIQUEZ SAUVIGNAC IS WIFE OF HEAD OF FONATUR, GOM AGENCY IN CHARGE OF CANCUN PROJECT. SHE IS DAUGHTER OF FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR CABOT. HER HUSBAND IS HALF-AMERICAN AND U.S. EDUCATED.

7. MRS. JESUS MARTINEZ ROSS, WIFE OF GOVERNOR OF QUINTANA ROO, STATE IN WHICH CANCUN IS LOCATED. WE KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THIS LADY, BUT AMCONSUL IN MERIDA DOES NOT BELIEVE SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH. SHE MAY NOT BE IN CANCUN AS STATE CAPITAL IS SOME DISTANCE AWAY. SHE HAS SEVEN CHILDREN.

8. AMCONSUL MERIDA TELLS US THAT CANCUN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO ARRIVE THERE ON SATURDAY, MAY 15. WHILE THIS IS STILL UNCERTAIN AS IS POSSIBILITY OF MRS. ECHEVERRIA ACCOMPANYING HIM, STATE MAY WISH TO PROVIDE SOME BIO DATA ON PRESIDENT'S WIFE.
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